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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claims 10-12, 15-16 and 20-45.

1.-9. (Canceled)

10. (Canceled)

11. (Canceled)

12. (Canceled)

13. (Canceled)

14. (Currently amended) A fastener and connector system, comprising:
the fastener with a shaft having a first end and second end;
an exposed portion attached to the first end of the shaft; and
an identifying color on the exposed portion, the identifying color pre-selected to
correspond to at least two specified physical properties of the shaft of the fastener, the identifying
color on the exposed portion being capable of being recognized by a person of normal vision
from a distance of at least 10 feet when the shaft has been inserted into a surface;

a connector which is required by regulation has been pre-selected to be used with
the fasteners having the two specified shaft physical properties;

a colored indicia on the connector matching the identifying color on the exposed
portion of the fastener, the colored indicia on the connector having been pre-selected to indicate
the fasteners which regulation permits may be used with the connector;

—— a fastener having the specified properties; and

—— a colored indicia on the fastener, the colored indicia on the fastener having been
pre-selected to define the specified physical properties.

15. (Canceled)

16. (Canceled)

17. (Previously presented) The fastener and connector system of Claim 14, wherein a
symbol is applied to the fastener or connector to connote a separate physical property.

18. (Withdrawn) The fastener and connector system of Claim 17, wherein the
symbol comprises a letter.

19. (Withdrawn) The fastener and connector system of Claim 17, wherein the
symbol comprises a number.

20. (Canceled)

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45. (Canceled)
46. (Withdrawn) The fastener connector system of Claim 17, where from a distance of at least 15 feet, the identifying color of the exposed colored portion of the fastener is discernible by a person of ordinary vision.
47. (Withdrawn) The fastener connector system of Claim 17, where from a distance of at least 18 feet, the identifying color of the exposed colored portion of the fastener is discernible by a person of ordinary vision.

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48. (Withdrawn) The fastener connector system of Claim 17, where from a distance of more than 20 feet, the identifying color of the exposed colored portion of the fastener is discernible by a person of ordinary vision.

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SUMMARY OF INTERVIEW

Applicants' attorney appreciates the courtesy extended by Examiner Mitchell during the interview on February 14, 2005. Set forth below is Applicants' attorney's recollection of the subject matter discussed.

Exhibits and/or Demonstrations

An exhibit was shown and discussed which consisted of a shadow box demonstrating the nails of the instant invention to those of the prior art and Applicants' fastener and connector system.

Identification of Claims Discussed

Independent Claim 14 was discussed.

Identification of Prior Art Discussed

Three cited references, Campbell (U.S. Patent No. 5,511,917), Schwartz (U.S. Patent No. 5,181,439) and Campbell (U.S. Patent No. 4,894,963), were discussed.

Proposed Amendments

A copy of the proposed amendment is attached.

Results of Interview

The Examiner noted that systems could include kit and kits are considered patentable.